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### **WARDEN MESSAGE – RESIDENTIAL BREAK-INS KARPOS AND TAFTALIDZE NEIGHBORHOODS**

The U.S. Embassy has received information from the local police that there have been a number of recent residential break-ins in the Karpos and Taftalidze neighborhoods in Skopje. Police believe the crimes have been carried out by nonprofessional groups of petty criminals. Police stated that the perpetrators have targeted upscale houses, entering the homes via unlocked doors or windows, or by breaking windows. The criminals have selectively targeted money, gold and other small items of value which are left unsecured inside the home. To date, the houses have been unoccupied at the time of the break-ins, leading police to believe there may have been some level of surveillance. The break-ins have occurred mainly between 1000hrs and 2200hrs.

As a reminder, you should keep your doors locked, even when family members are at home, and windows should be secured if no one is in that part of the house. Windows accessible from ground level or easily accessible balconies should be secured at night to prevent entry. When your home is unoccupied you should consider leaving some indoor and/or outdoor lights on and using timers on some of your lights (they are readily available in local stores). Avoid leaving items of value in plain sight or unsecured (for example, jewelry, cash, electronic equipment or other expensive items). Avoid leaving bicycles or other items of value in your yard unsecured. Please be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious persons or activities in or around your neighborhoods to the local police.

The police have enhanced their patrols (both uniformed and unmarked units) in the areas of Karpos, Taftalidze (1, 2, 3), Vlae, and Bardovci neighborhoods in Skopje.

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